

a' -This is a continuation of International
Application No. PCT/EP98/00483 filed January 29, 1998
(the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by
reference.)-

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add an abstract to the disclosure on a
separate sheet (attached hereto).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2-16 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method for the diagnosis of
tuberculosis and other mycobacterial infections of humans
and animals, [**characterised** in that] comprising the step
of measuring the activity of alanine dehydrogenase (E.C.
1.4.1.1.) [is measured] with an enzymatic test kit^{of said set}
according to claim 1.

Q² 3. (Amended) A method according to claim 2,
[**characterised** in that] comprising the steps of
(i) isolating possible tuberculosis pathogens,
[such as *M. tuberculosis*, are isolated,]
(ii) making a crude cell extract [is made],
(iii) incubating the extract [is incubated] in
solution, and
(iv) measuring the absorption [is measured].